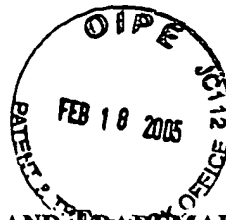


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Responsive to the final Office Action dated December 14, 2005, please reconsider this application in light of the amendments and remarks set forth in this paper. As this response is filed within two months of the mailing date of the Office Action, it is subject to the expedited procedures for after-final practice.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Amendments to the specification are set forth at page 2 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims set forth on pages 3 to 7 of this paper.

**REMARKS:**

The remarks in support of this application are set forth on pages 8 to 11 of this paper.